system of medicine) through its network of hospitals, dispensaries, Primary Health Centres, etc.

Resignations by Air India Pilots

2623. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixteen check pilots of Air India have tendered their resignations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Nineteen check pilots of Air India have tendered their resignation from check pilotship. They have given no reasons for this action in their letters.

(c) Air India have contacted the Indain Pilots Guild who represent the community of pilots in this regard.

Orissa Town covered by Vayudoot Services

2624. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name of towns in Orissa which have been brought under Vayudoot map, as on the 30th June, 1988;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to introduce Vayudoot service between Bhubaneswar and some other district/towns of the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Vayudoot has so far airlinked Bhubaneswar, Jeypore, and Rourkela in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Gopalpur and Jharsuguda in the State of Orissa during the current plan period.

Allocation of Maintenance of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2625. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is being granted annually for the maintenance of *National Highways in Andhra Pradesh*, per kilometre and when this norm has been in existence; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance the said amount in order to improve the condition of National Highways in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Allocation for maintenance of National Highways is not made on kilometre basis. Norms of maintenance were decided by a Technical Group set up by the Government of India in 1968. These norms are up-dated from time to time on the basis of Price Index, and allocation is made to all the States including Andhra Pradesh, on a pro-rata basis depending upon the availability of resources.

Widening of Vijayawada Guntur National Highway

2626. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to acquire land for widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Guntur into four lanes; what amount has been allotted to widen this highway, by when the work is going to be started and by when it would be completed; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to improve the 15 years old bye-pass road of Guntur; and whether Government have received any estimate from Andhra Pradesh Government, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Action to acquire the land for four-laning of Vijayawada-Chilakaluripet Section of National Highway No. 5 and improving the Guntur byepass can be taken only after the sanction of estimate for land acquisition and receipt of the modified estimate from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

Financing of Kakinada Port by Asian Development Bank

2627. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a team of the Asian Development Bank visited Kakinada Port on the 26th March, 1988 and expressed their willingness to finance the improvement of the port to the tune of Rs. 90 crores during Eightth Five Year Plan period, if so, what is the present progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The Asian Development Bank Team visited Kakinada Port on the 26th of March, 1988 and expressed their willingness in principle to give assistance for the development to this Port subject to certain conditions. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has asked M/s. Engineers India Ltd. to update their earlier Project Report.

Seats in General Courses for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Delhi University

2628. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still availability of seats in several courses for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes studnts in Delhi University; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The number of reserved seats in the current year is 7156. Against this, only 5180 SC/ST students have registered themselves with the University for admission this year and they have been allotted seats in different colleges.

Uptodating the List of Essential Drugs

2629. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 147 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs included in the existing list of essential drugs;

(b) since when the process of updating the list has been in prigress and how often the said list is updated;

(c) what is the progress of updating and by when the exercise would be completed; and

(d) what arrangements have been made to up-date the list every year?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The names of essential drugs required at various levels of Health care are not yet finalised but are expected to be so shortly.